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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mumbai Port Trust is facing the problem of falling traffic and erosion in profitability;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the situation; and

(d) the details of traffic handled and profit earned during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI)

(a) & (b): There have been marginal decline of cargo traffic in Mumbai Port mainly due to the diversion of large container vessels to Jawaharlal Nehru Port resulting in erosion in profitability during 2000-01.However, Mumbai Port started recovering in financial performance during 2001-02 and 2002-03. The Port has been showing improvement in overall traffic during the current financial year also. During April-November 2003, Mumbai Port recorded a growth of 8.3 % over the corresponding period of 2002.

(c): Improvement in the performance of major ports is an ongoing process. However, the specific steps taken to improve the situation include streamlining of systems and procedures with increased computerization and integrated information system, grant of incentives/concessions/facilites to trade, integration of cargo handling operations by taking over the stevedoring work and transportation of containers, reduction in man power, private sector participation in ports, modernization of existing facilities, upgradation of jetties equipment & craft and proposed addition of new capacity.

(d): The details of cargo traffic handled and operational performance during the last 3 years are as under:

Year	Cargo traffic handled (In million tonnes)	Operational performance (Rs. in crore)		
		Operating Income	Operating Expenditure	Operating surplus(+)/deficit(-)
2000-2001	27.06	464.19	500.82	(-) 36.63
2001-2002	26.43	438.12	420.96	(+) 17.16
2002-2003	26.80	458.92	430.99	(+) 27.93